Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) With effect from 21st September 1942.

(*b*) The previous rule was graduates with Registration Test.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) (1) K. P. Narayanan Nambiar, Co-operative Department. (2) V. Balakrishna Menon, Industries Department. (3) T. K. Venugopala Konar, Education Department.

(*e*) Graduates in other departments have scope for promotion in their own departments. Inter-departmental promotions are not ordinarily allowed in Government service.

(*f*) Government do not consider that clerks in other departments are unduly prejudiced by the existing rule.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South)*: Are there rules similar to this in respect of Departments other than Registration Department.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: No.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur South)*: Were there not cases of clerks seeking promotion to this Department being refused promotion on account of the presence of this rule.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Yes.

DISTRIBUTION OF PADDY IN VILLAGE—ARRANGEMENT REGARDING

72. **Mr. K. Narayana Menon** *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Will Government be pleased to state whether they will be pleased to consider the desirability of having the paddy collected from one village in that village itself for distribution in the depots and to take away only the excess, if any, to avoid unnecessary cost of transit charges and to distribute the same in kind without conversion into rice?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: The suggestion is not practicable.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: May I know Sir, whether it is not the existing practice now to re-transport to the Villages paddy already conveyed from there once.

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Sometimes it is necessitated; it is not a practice.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: In the light of that answer may I know whether it is not incurring an unnecessary expenditure.

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: It is not unnecessary. It is sometimes necessitated.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: I don't mean that the cost is unnecessary but it can be avoided.

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: It is not possible.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: May I know the reason why?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Because it sometimes happens that there will be surplus paddy in one Village; there will be no stock in an adjecent area. So we will have to transfer paddy from the surplus Village to other Villages. It is not therefore always possible to retain in a Village the paddy grown there. As far as possible the paddy in one area is converted into rice in the same area and disposed of there.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: In view of the last answer, may I request the Government to know whether their policy will be as much as possible to avoid unnecessary transport?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Yes.

RATION CARD HOLDERS IN THE STATE

73. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar** *(Nellayi)*: Will Government be pleased to state the number of rice ration card holders in the State.

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: 2,24,625.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: This is the number of cards issued. May I know the number of persons to whom rice is supplied according to ration cards?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: 10,18,381 adults.....

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: I want the total number.

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: The total number is, 13,67,977.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: What is the population of Cochin?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: According to the latest Census Report, the

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